

**COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED METHOD OF GENERATING INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A computer implemented method of generating invention disclosure  
5 statements. The method of the present invention reduces the likelihood that a known prior art  
reference document will erroneously go undisclosed to a patent office by an individual  
associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent applications. Additionally, the method  
of the present invention simplifies and streamlines the tasks that must be carried out in order  
to comply with the various disclosure requirements of patent offices around the world. In one  
10 embodiment, the computer-implemented method of the present invention includes receiving a  
signal indicating that a user has identified an electronic document that contains reference  
information to be disclosed to a patent office, the reference information including information  
necessary for completing an invention disclosure statement ("IDS information"). The IDS  
information is stored in an electronic information disclosure statement, which may then be  
15 manually or electronically transmitted to a patent office.